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FALL OF THE
SITH EMPIRE
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STAR WARS[®] TALES OF THE JEDI[™]

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Desperate Measures

Five thousand years before the birth of Luke Skywalker, young Gav and Jori Daragon accidentally set in motion one of the most devastating wars the galaxy has ever known. Fleeing trouble in the Koros system, which has been newly unified by the benevolent Empress Teta, Gav and Jori race into unexplored hyperspace, hoping to make their fortune — but their path lands them right into the heart of the awesome Sith Empire!

Taken prisoner by Sith Lords, Gav and Jori are used as pawns by the ambitious Naga Sadow — who has just declared himself the new Dark Lord. The twins spend weeks hiding under Sadow's treacherous protection, while the Dark Lord begins training Gav in the Sith magic of illusions.

Naga Sadow has plans, though, to use the brother and sister as scapegoats: he wishes to expand the Sith Empire, to launch a war of conquest against the Republic — but first he must defeat his deadly rival, Ludo Kressh. Dropping hints and planting spies, Sadow lures Kressh into attacking his seemingly vulnerable fortress. In the full devastation of battle, Naga Sadow separates Gav and Jori, forcing Jori to take their impounded ship, *Starbreaker 12*, to escape alone back to the heart of the Republic.

After Jori flees, Sadow springs his surprise on Ludo, wiping out the rival's fleet while Ludo himself barely escapes. Now with his opponent trounced, Sadow can move the military might of the Sith Empire on its greatest conquest — against the unsuspecting Republic. A secret transmitter hidden in Jori's ship will show them exactly where to go. . . .

1 RACING ACROSS THE GALAXY, TAKING A SHORTCUT THROUGH THE FABRIC OF SPACE...

...IT IS A TRIP FAR LONGER THAN MOST HYPERSPACE EXPLORERS WOULD DARE UNDERTAKE.



STARBREAKER 12 HAS THE COORDINATES STORED IN ITS MEMORY CORE. MY WAY TO GET HOME TO SAFETY, AWAY FROM THE SITH EMPIRE...



...WITHOUT GAY.

GAY...



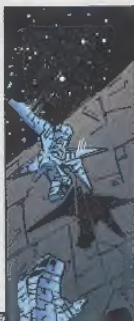


WHOAH!
LOOK
OUT!

COLLISION
VECTOR!

EVASIVE!

SHIELDS
UP--PREPARE FOR
IMPACT! AN
YAAAAAH!





THIS IS CINNAGAR SPACE TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER. UNAUTHORIZED SHIP, YOU ARE IN VIOLATION...

...URGENT INFORMATION THAT COULD AFFECT THE ENTIRE REPUBLIC! THIS IS STARBREAKER 12, REQUESTING IMMEDIATE...



REPEAT-- EMERGENCY! THIS IS JORI PARAGON, AND I HAVE INFORMATION...

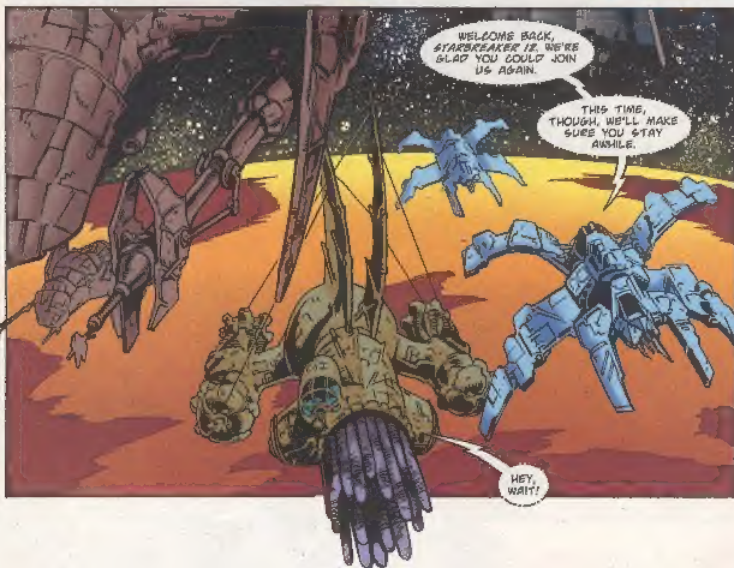
HEY, ISN'T STARBREAKER 12 ON OUR LIST?

YOU'RE RIGHT--THEY BLASTED TWO OF OUR SHIPS AND CAUSED ALL SORTS OF COLLATERAL DAMAGE. ALERT SECURITY.



INTERCEPT LAUNCHED, WEAPONS POWERED UP.

I'VE GOT THE SHIP ON MY TARGETING SCREENS-- INCREASE SPEED TO ORBIT.



WELCOME BACK, STARBREAKER 12. WE'RE GLAD YOU COULD JOIN US AGAIN.

THIS TIME, THOUGH, WE'LL MAKE SURE YOU STAY AWHILE.

HEY, WAIT!



GIVE
ME A LITTLE
BREATHING
ROOM, GUYS!
THESE CURRENTS
ARE TOUGH
ENOUGH ON A
GOOD DAY!



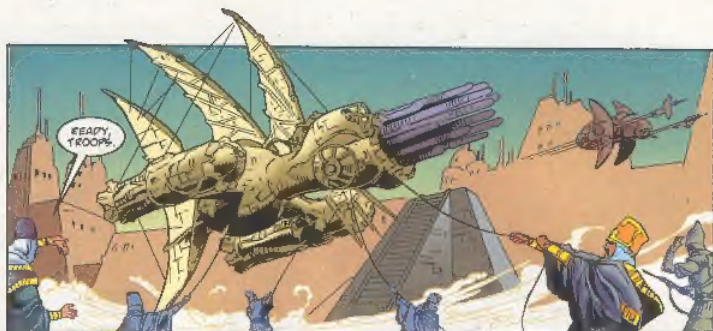
HEY!
WATCH
IT!

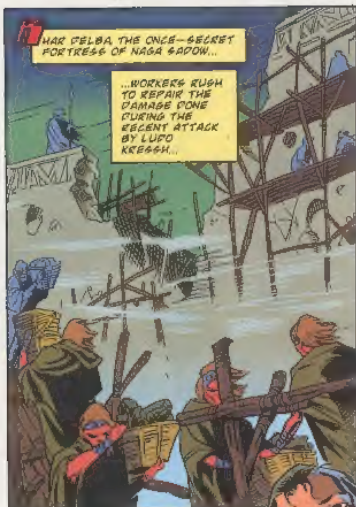
JUST A
REMINDER,
STARBREAKER
12, STAY ON
COURSE.

WE
WON'T
REMIND
YOU
AGAIN!

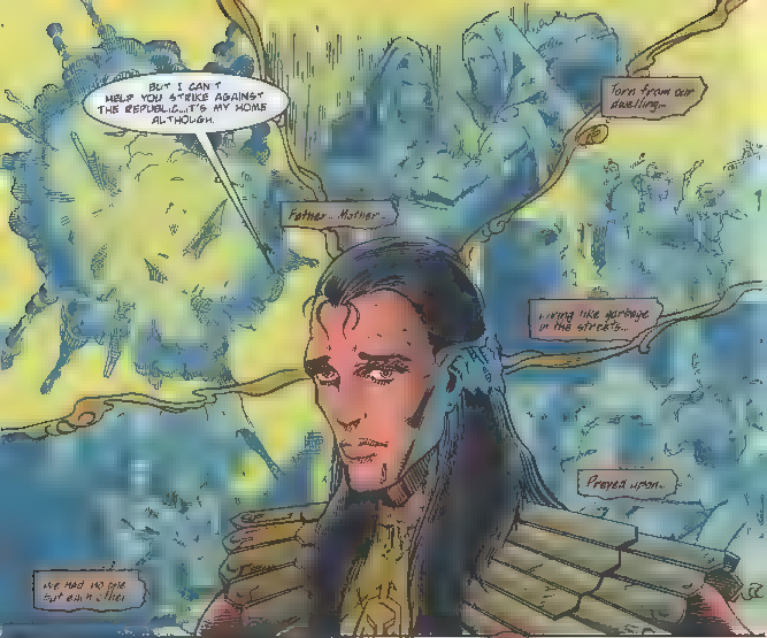


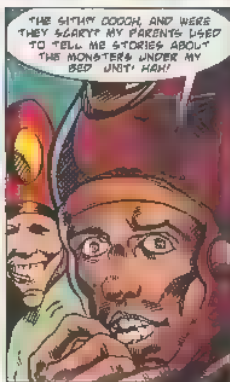
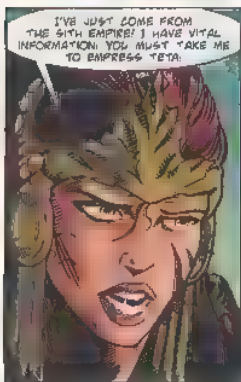
COMING IN FOR A LANDING...
SECURITY PROCEDURES SURE HAVE
GOTTEN TIGHT!

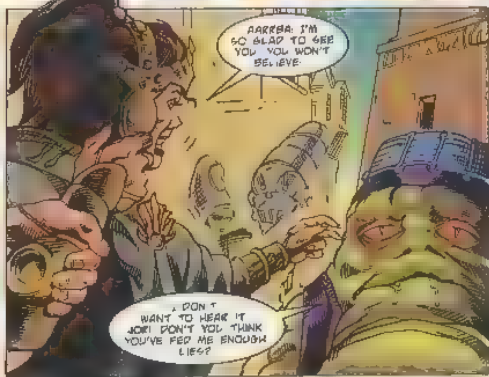
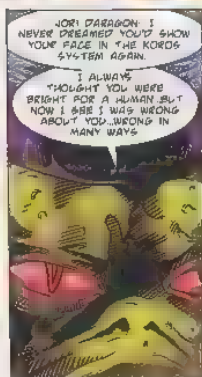
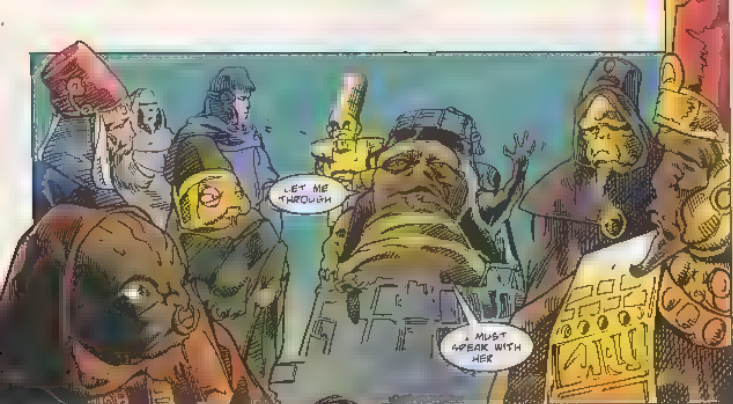


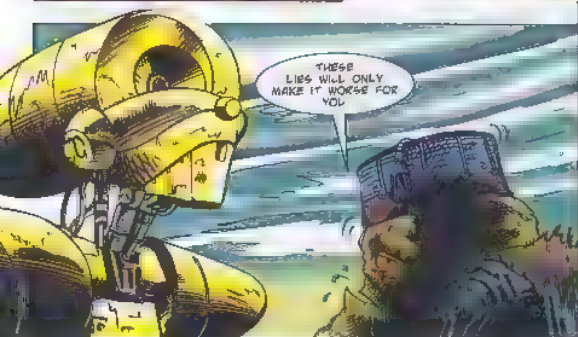


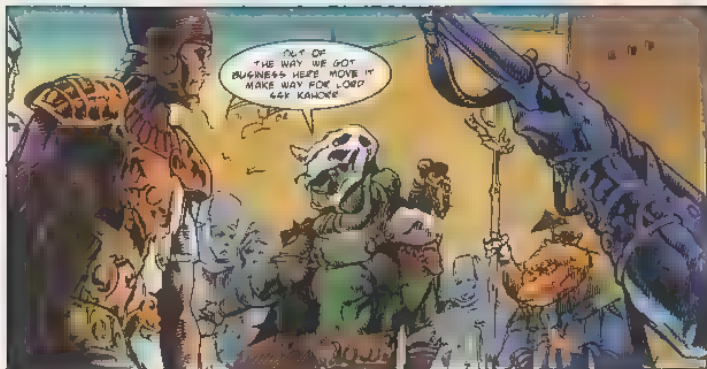




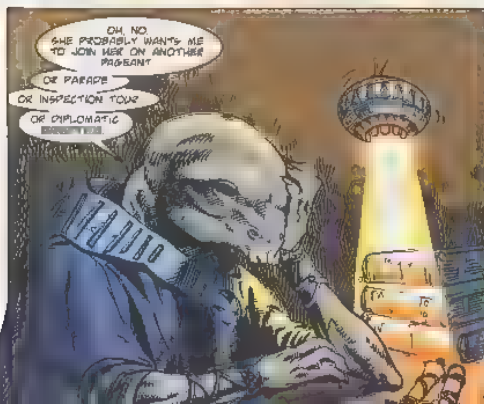
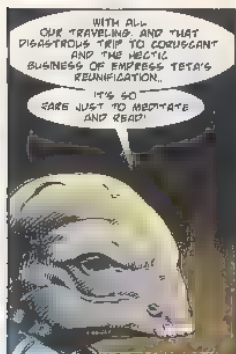
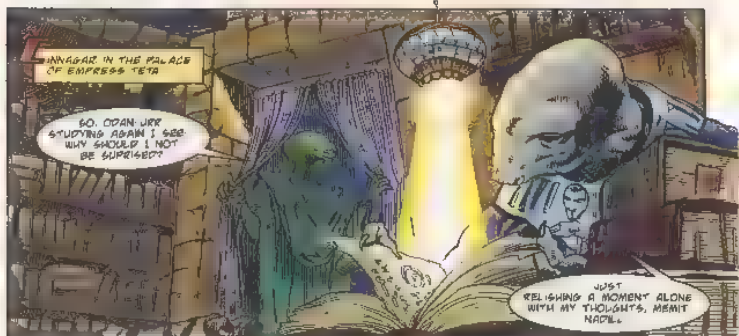




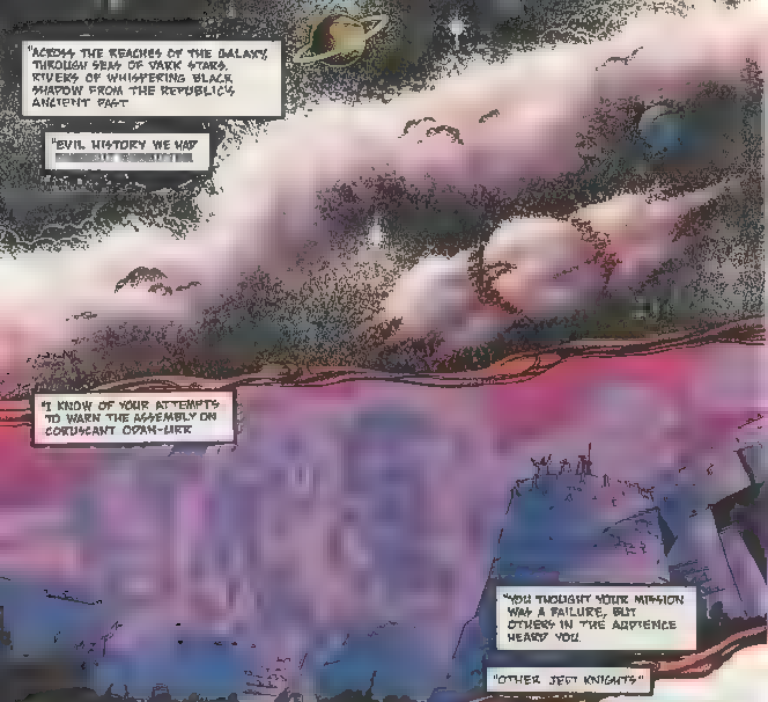












"ACROSS THE REACHES OF THE GALAXY,
THROUGH SEAS OF DARK STARS,
RIVERS OF WHISPERING BLACK
MADNESS FROM THE REPUBLIC'S
ANCIENT PAST

"EVIL HISTORY WE HAD
FORGOTTEN"

"I KNOW OF YOUR ATTEMPTS
TO WARN THE ASSEMBLY ON
CORUSCANT COAN-LEK"

"YOU THOUGHT YOUR MISSION
WAS A FAILURE, BUT
OTHERS IN THE AUDIENCE
HEARD YOU."

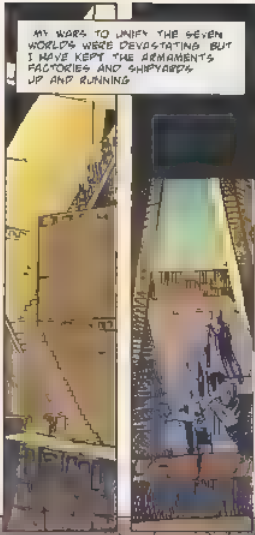
"OTHER JEDI KNIGHTS"

THE REPUBLIC HAS GROWN AND EXPANDED
FOR MANY GENERATIONS, ENCOUNTERING NO
WORSE THAN A FEW INTERPLANETARY SQUABBLES
AND CIVIL WARS.


.. BUT IF WE SHOULD
CONFRONT THE FABLED SITH EMPIRE, WE
WILL EXPERIENCE A WAR SO GREAT,
SO DEVASTATING...

IT CAN CROSS THE
FABRIC OF HYPERSPACE, A
CONFLAGRATION SPANNING
THE GALAXY.

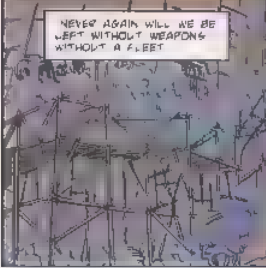
COME,
MASTER DODDO. I
WISH TO SHOW YOU
SOMETHING



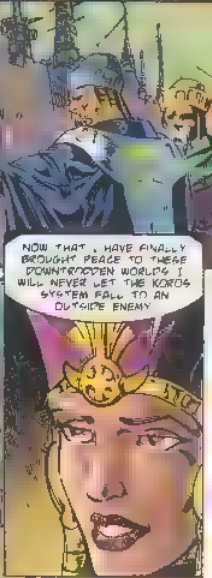
MY WARS TO UNIFY THE SEVEN
WORLDS WERE DEVASTATING BUT
I HAVE KEPT THE ARMAMENTS
FACTORIES AND SHIPYARDS
UP AND RUNNING




PREPARING FOR
OUR DEFENSE



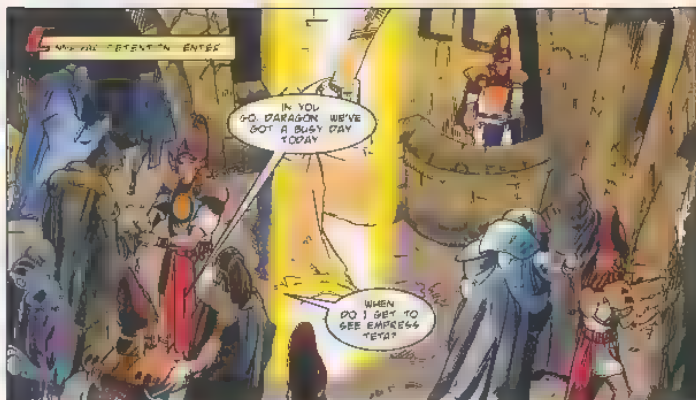
NEVER AGAIN WILL WE BE
LEFT WITHOUT WEAPONS
WITHOUT A FLEET



NOW THAT I HAVE FINALLY
BROUGHT PEACE TO THESE
DOWNFALLEN WORLDS I
WILL NEVER LET THE KOROS
SYSTEM FALL TO AN
OUTSIDE ENEMY



THOUGH KORUSCAN* CHOOSES TO IGNORE THIS THREAT
WE WILL FIGHT FOR THE GLORY OF THE REPUBLIC





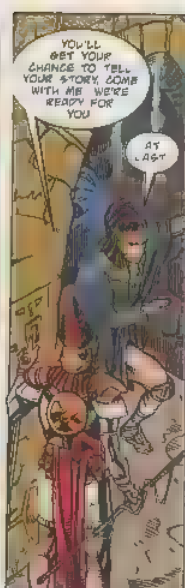
IT'S BEEN
HOURS

YOU'D THINK
SOMEBODY WOULD LISTEN
TO ME...WITH THE FATE OF
THE GALAXY AT STAKE
AND ALL...



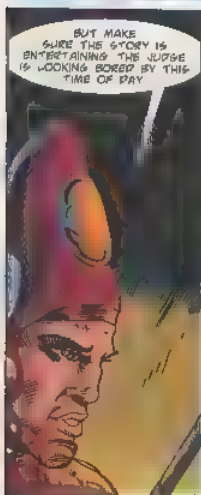
HEY! WHY
WON'T ANYBODY HEAR
MY STORY?

THE SITH
EMPIRE IS REAL
THEY'VE TAKEN MY
BROTHER HOSTAGE
I BARELY ESCAPED
ALIVE I NEED TO
TALK

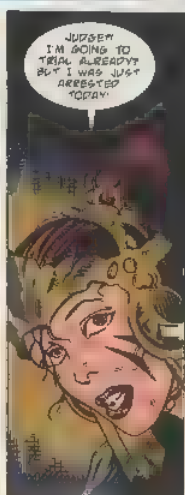


YOU'LL
GET YOUR
CHANCE TO TELL
YOUR STORY COME
WITH ME WE'RE
READY FOR
YOU

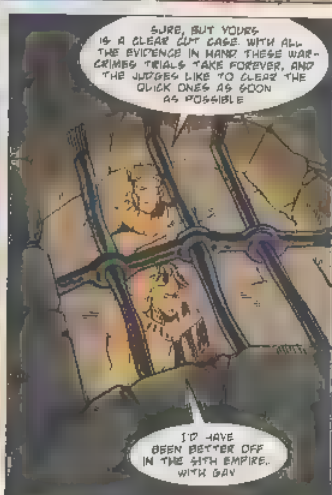
AT
LAST



BUT MAKE
SURE THE STORY IS
ENTERTAINING THE JUDGE
IS LOOKING BORED BY THIS
TIME OF DAY



JUDGE
I'M GOING TO
TRIAL ALREADY!
BUT I WAS JUST
ARRESTED
TODAY



SURE, BUT YOURS
IS A CLEAR CUT CASE WITH ALL
THE EVIDENCE IN HAND THESE WAR-
CRIMES TRIALS TAKE FOREVER, AND
THE JUDGES LIKE TO CLEAR THE
QUICK ONES AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE

I'D HAVE
BEEN BETTER OFF
IN THE SITH EMPIRE.
WITH DAV



"THE 6TH EMPIRE
WILL BURN BRIGHTLY,
LIKE A SUPERNOVA,
DWARFING THE
COMPLACENT
REPUBLIC."

"WE SHALL HOLD
THE ENTIRE GALAXY
IN OUR GRASP."

NGGK
CCKK HRRR

WHAT?
THAT CAN'T BE!
ARE YOU CERTAIN
YOU'VE IDENTIFIED
THE SHIP ON
APPROACH?

"HOW COULD LUDO DARE
TO COME BACK HERE?"

SITH LORDS,
HEAR ME--NAGA
SADON IS A TRAITOR
AND WILL BRING OUR
EMPIRE TO RUIN! HE
HAS DECEIVED US
ALL WITH HIS
MURDEROUS LUST
FOR POWER!

LUDO KRESSH
WHINES LIKE THE WEAKEST
OF DOWNTRODDEN UNDERLINGS.
THE BLOOD OF MANY SITH
SLAVES MUST RUN IN
HIS VEINS.

THAT HE HAS
BEEN DEFEATED, HE
THINKS WE SHOULD
BOTHRER LISTENING
TO HIS PRATTLE.

SAY, I'LL
GIVE YOU THIS
RESPONSIB-
ILITY.

GO OVER TO
THE CONTROLS ON
THE WALL AND
ACTIVATE THE
AUTOMATED
SYSTEMS.

THIS
ONLY ARE YOU
SURE THAT'S THE
BEST WAY TO BLOCK
THE TRANS-
MISSION?

CERTAINLY--
JUST DO IT. WE
NEED TO GET
BACK TO OUR
BUSINESS.

IT IS
A GREAT
HONOR I GIVE
YOU, SAY
PARAGON.



